

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Closing Date: February 10, 2011

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

Mr. Ron Pollard

Indianapolis Power & Light 1230 W. Morris Street Indianapolis, IN 46221 2. Agent: Mr. Douglas Longpre

Commonwealth Associates, Inc.

P.O. Box 1124 Jackson, MI 49204

3. Project location:

NW 1/4 Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 5 West, Greene County, Scotland USGS Quad.

The project is located in the SE quadrant of the intersection of US 231/SR45/SR58.

4. Affected waterbody:

Forested Wetlands

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to relocate the 345vK transmission line in preparation for the proposed interstate 69 and the proposed interchange at this location. In order to relocate the transmission line, the applicant proposes to clear a new 150 foot wide corridor through 2.1 acres of forested wetland and install a new support tower within the wetland. The support tower will require the excavation of 210 cubic yards of material and the discharge of 224 cubic yards of concrete into 0.004 acre of wetland for footings. All wetland areas disturbed by construction and right-of-way clearance will be seeded with a permanent herbaceous wetland seed mix. Stream crossings will be required during construction and will be removed upon completion of the project. As compensatory mitigation for the conversion of forested wetlands, the applicant will create approximately 6.3 acres of forested wetland within the same 8-digit watershed (Lower White 05120202). The mitigation plan submitted with the application is a conceptual mitigation plan due to the tight construction timeframes placed on them by I-69 and compliance with the tree clearing restriction dates. The permit will be conditioned to require a complete mitigation plan within 6 months of receiving the Section 401 Water Quality Certification. For additional information please visit the following webpage address: http://www.in.gov/idem/6393.htm.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Jason Randolph, Project Manager, at 317-233-0467. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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